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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request - Lincoln County, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Lipton:

Please be advised that our office represents Lincoln County, Arkansas, and your May 22, 2019 e-mail/letter requesting numerous documents/records has been forwarded to me for a response.

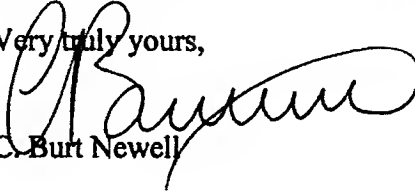
The records you are requesting are not readily available and would entail hours of staff searching for, retrieving, reviewing, and/or copying of the requested records, etc. Lincoln County does not have the manpower and/or funds to take on this task. In addition, pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotate 25-19-105 (a)(1)(A) states:

"Except as otherwise specifically provided by this section or by laws specifically enacted to provide otherwise, all public records shall be open to inspection and copying by any *citizen of the State of Arkansas* during the regular business hours of the custodian of records." (Emphasis mine).

Therefore, since you are not a citizen of the State of Arkansas and the information/records you are requesting would entail a large number of manhours and copying costs, Lincoln County is declining to respond to your F.O.I.A. request.

At this time, I am requesting that you cease contacting my client, Lincoln County, Arkansas, or its employees, agents, and/or representatives concerning this matter. Should you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



C. Burt Newell

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cc: Sheriff Leonard Hogg